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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Jan-Willem PIETERSE et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MONITORING  
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS USING  
OPTICAL SENSORS

### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants submit this amendment in response to the Office Action in the above case having a mailing date of October 6, 2005. It is believed that this amendment is timely filed and no time extension is required. If a time extension is required please charge the undersigned's deposit account for any fees involved therewith. The deposit account number is shown in the enclosed transmittal form.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.